



# The Currents

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### Upcoming USG Funding Session:

**Monday, March 16, 2009**

To apply for funding from the USG, your organization **must** be a Registered SOLID Tier II Organization and your COO or CFO must attend a **USG Informational Session** once per academic year.

**\*\*Funding packets are always due one week before the session. All sessions are at 11 a.m. in SU 221.\*\***

Feel free to contact the Funding Board Chairperson or the USG Office with any questions at 860-486-3708 or email at [info@usg.uconn.edu](mailto:info@usg.uconn.edu).

Or stop by the office (SU Room 219)

### EcoHusky Co-Sponsors 4th Annual Road Race

On **Sunday, April 5th, 2009** the EcoHusky student group and the Office of Environmental Policy will be hosting the 4th Annual EcoHusky 5k Road Race. The race begins promptly at 11:00 a.m., with registration between 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. at the bottom of Horsebarn Hill. Please visit our website at [www.ecohusky.uconn.edu/ecohusky5000.htm](http://www.ecohusky.uconn.edu/ecohusky5000.htm) and REGISTER TODAY! Pre-registration is now available! Student registration is \$10, and non-student registration \$15 (\$20 after March 26th). The fee covers all race costs and includes an official race day T-shirt. This event is the primary fundraiser for the EcoHusky group and allows the organization to promote environmental education and support a wide variety of outreach efforts on campus. Just a few of these great events include RecycleMania, Earth Day Spring Fling, Mt. Sneaker (sneaker recycling demonstration), and Green Week. These efforts would not be possible without your support!



### Upcoming SOLID Workshops:

**CFO Workshop:** Friday, March 20, 2009 at 10 a.m. in SU 319

**COO Workshop:** Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 1 p.m. in SU 318

**Secretary Workshop:** Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 11 a.m. in SU 312



### Featured Advisor of the Week:

#### Natalee Martin!

Natalee is the Program Director for Hillel and is also the advisor for Alpha Epsilon Phi, a national Panhellenic Jewish sorority. She says that campus involvement and leadership are so important for students because being a student leader can prepare you for the rest of your life. Students learn important skills such as: organization, delegation, and taking constructive criticism. She also mentions that her leadership roles she held while an undergraduate at UConn has prepared her for her current job. Natalee enjoys getting to know the students who join Alpha Epsilon Phi and having the opportunity to assist them when situations arise. She also enjoys watching a group of women work together for a common cause both socially and philanthropically. She said her most rewarding experience of being an advisor for this group up until now is being nominated as the Featured Advisor! Her advice to other staff members and students who are considering advising a group on campus is, "Do it. It is a wonderful experience and a great add-on to your current job. It's a great way to get involved in other areas of campus and keep up to date with what's going on."



### Showcase Your Advisor!

The Currents is looking to highlight exceptional advisors. If you would like to feature your advisor in The Currents please send your advisors name to [student0886@ad.uconn.edu](mailto:student0886@ad.uconn.edu).

### Deadline for the next issue of The Currents

The next issue of the Spring 2009 semester will be released on Thursday, March 19, 2009. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Michelle at [student0884@ad.uconn.edu](mailto:student0884@ad.uconn.edu) by Wednesday, March 18, 2009.

### ConnPIRG Needs Your Help!

ConnPIRG is currently seeking volunteers for the 25th annual Hunger Cleanup. On **Saturday, April 4, 2009** college students get together and volunteer for the day, helping out local homeless relief agencies. The cleanup is one of the largest national fundraising and community service events in the country! The cleanup raises money for the homeless through volunteer fundraising, and contributes to fix up homeless relief agencies. Last year ConnPIRG raised just over \$15,000. This semester they hope to raise \$20,000. All proceeds will be given to local shelters such as the Tri-Town Shelter in Vernon, which recently had over \$30,000 worth of water damage to its building. If you or your student group is interested in participating, please visit [www.hungercleanup.org](http://www.hungercleanup.org) to sign up or email them at [uconnpirg@gmail.com](mailto:uconnpirg@gmail.com) for more information.



### Make Maple Syrup with the UConn Forestry and Wildlife Club!

When it comes to the food products synonymous with New England, maple syrup is near the top of the list. Buckets, tubing, and taps donning the base of sugar maple trees in the last weeks of winter signify the height of maple sugaring season. UConn's Forestry and Wildlife Club operates its own sugarhouse on the Storrs campus and will offer a hands-on visit to their sugarhouse **Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 10 a.m.—12 p.m.** as part of the Natural History of Food Series. In this workshop, participants will learn the steps and materials used in the process of modern maple syrup production and get samples of the delicious finished product. Adults and children ages 8 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is \$20 in advance and \$15 for Museum of Natural History members.

### Photography Club Offers Photo Shoots!

The UConn Photography Club would like to extend to you the opportunity to collaborate with them in creating new and exciting images. This is one of their primary modes of teaching members about the craft of photography, and offers them portfolio building experience, in addition to promotional material for you. The shoots are more or less commercially oriented. Each shoot is formed with at least two to three photographers and just as many student assistants. They guarantee professional quality work and a reasonable processing time. They would like to use as great a span of time as you can give them as this allows ample setup time for lighting, if need be. Depending on the nature of your organization, this may be as simple as shooting a practice or meeting. They can also do individual portraits if you would like. Check out the promotional video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpi23hGrKx0> For more information, contact [UConnPhotoClub@gmail.com](mailto:UConnPhotoClub@gmail.com).

### SENIORS! Be a Part of UConn History!

Be in the Nutmeg Yearbook! Every senior receives a Nutmeg Yearbook at no cost in the fall following their graduation. Anyone graduating is welcome to sit for their FREE portrait to be included in the book!! The portrait sessions will be at the Alumni Center during the weeks of **March 16th and March 23rd**. Sign-ups are done online at [www.ouryear.com](http://www.ouryear.com), with School Code #269. The Nutmeg Yearbook will also be offering portrait sessions at the Second Annual Co-Op Grad Fair **Wednesday, March 25th and Thursday, March 26th**.



### Tip of the Week: Communication In Writing

- **Be Specific:** Just like a reporter, communicate the "who, what, when, where, why, and how" of what needs to be done. Stay objective unless you've been specifically instructed to use subjective language.
- **Avoid the Passive Voice:** Instead of writing "The program was planned by Diane," write, "Diane planned the program." This makes it clearer and less awkward.
- **Be Concise:** There's no need to be long-winded. Get to the point and steer clear of too much "fluff" in your writing. You'll lose readers if you spout off too long!
- **Write Like You Speak:** There's usually no need for fancy stuff! Your words will be more realistic and credible if you write like you speak.

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Winston Churchill

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